Delay in execution of power projects by BHEL

273. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has observed that BHEL, assigned with commissioning of units with 3300 mw generation capacity in the second quarter of the current fiscal, has been able to add only 710 mw thus lagging behind;

(b) if so, whether BHEL has attributed the delay in execution of its projects on poor infrastructure at sites and delays in supply of components by venders;

(c) whether BHEL has also observed that contractors are preferring to work on projects implemented by private companies; and

(d) if so, the Government's comments thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) During the 2nd quarter of 2008-09, a commissioning target of 1585 MW was assigned to BHEL. Against this target, BHEL achieved the commissioning of 750 MW.

(b) The Department of Heavy Industry has attributed shortfall in meeting targets to-

(i) Limited number and capability of construction contractors in the country;

(ii) Delay in supplies by vendors of Balance of Plant (BOP) like coal and ash handling systems, water treatment plants, cooling water systems, air conditioning and ventilation systems, fire protection systems, cooling towers, construction equipment, civil works and services etc.

(iii) In some cases inputs from customers also delayed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Hydro-electric power generation

274. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of an overall installed power generation capacity of 1,45,000 mw, the share of hydel power is a mere 36,000 mw;

(b) what is the status of Government's efforts to tap the balance hydel potential;

(c) whether Government has proposed imposing restrictions on foreign nationals engaged in hydel projects in border areas, through surveillance on their movements; and

(d) whether Government would also restrict the number of visas for foreign nationals, seeking to work on hydel projects in border areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir. As on 30.09.2008, the total installed capacity in the country is 1,44,554.97 MW and the